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SUPERBOY
Featuring "POWER-BOY From EARTH!"
THIS IS A JOB FOR POWER-BOY!
TERRIFIC! THIS IS ONE PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE WHERE I CAN RELAX!

SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
WHAT IS THE MOST FAMOUS NAME IN SMALLVILLE? YOU KNOW THE ANSWER, OF COURSE-- SUPERBOY! BUT WOULD YOU BELIEVE THE NAME OF LANA LANG COULD BECOME EQUALLY FAMOUS, ONE DAY? IT ALL HAPPENS WHEN AN UNCANNY MYSTERY SUDDENLY TRANSFORMS THIS OBSCURE GIRL INTO...
THE HEROINE OF SMALLVILLE
BUT, LANA! NOBODY COULD SEE SMOKE OR FLAMES FROM OUTSIDE! HOW ON EARTH DID YOU KNOW THIS WARE-HOUSE WAS ON FIRE?
JUST CALL ME... ER... LUCKY LANA! AND BY THE WAY, SUPERBOY, THAT'S THE FOURTH DANGER I'VE LED YOU TO!
AT BREAKFAST ONE MORNING, A RELAXING DAY SEEMS AHEAD OF YOUNG CLARK KENT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE IS SECRETLY BUSY SUPERBOY...
I'M GLAD YOU CAN SPEND SOME TIME WITH US TODAY, SON! YOU ONLY HAVE ONE SUPERBOY CHORE TO DO!
YES, MA-- I'M A STATE WITNESS AT THE TRIAL OF "SLIPPERY" SMITH, WHO IS ACCUSED OF ROBBERY! IT'LL BE A QUIET DAY!
LITTLE DOES SUPERBOY SUSPECT THE UNCANNY MYSTERY BUDDING IN THE HOME OF HIS NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR, LANA LANG!
MY DAD GAVE ME THIS SO-CALLED "MAGIC AMULET," WHICH HE FOUND IN AN EGYPTIAN PYRAMID! IT'S SO PRETTY, I'VE BEEN WEARING IT IN MY HAIR EVERY DAY!

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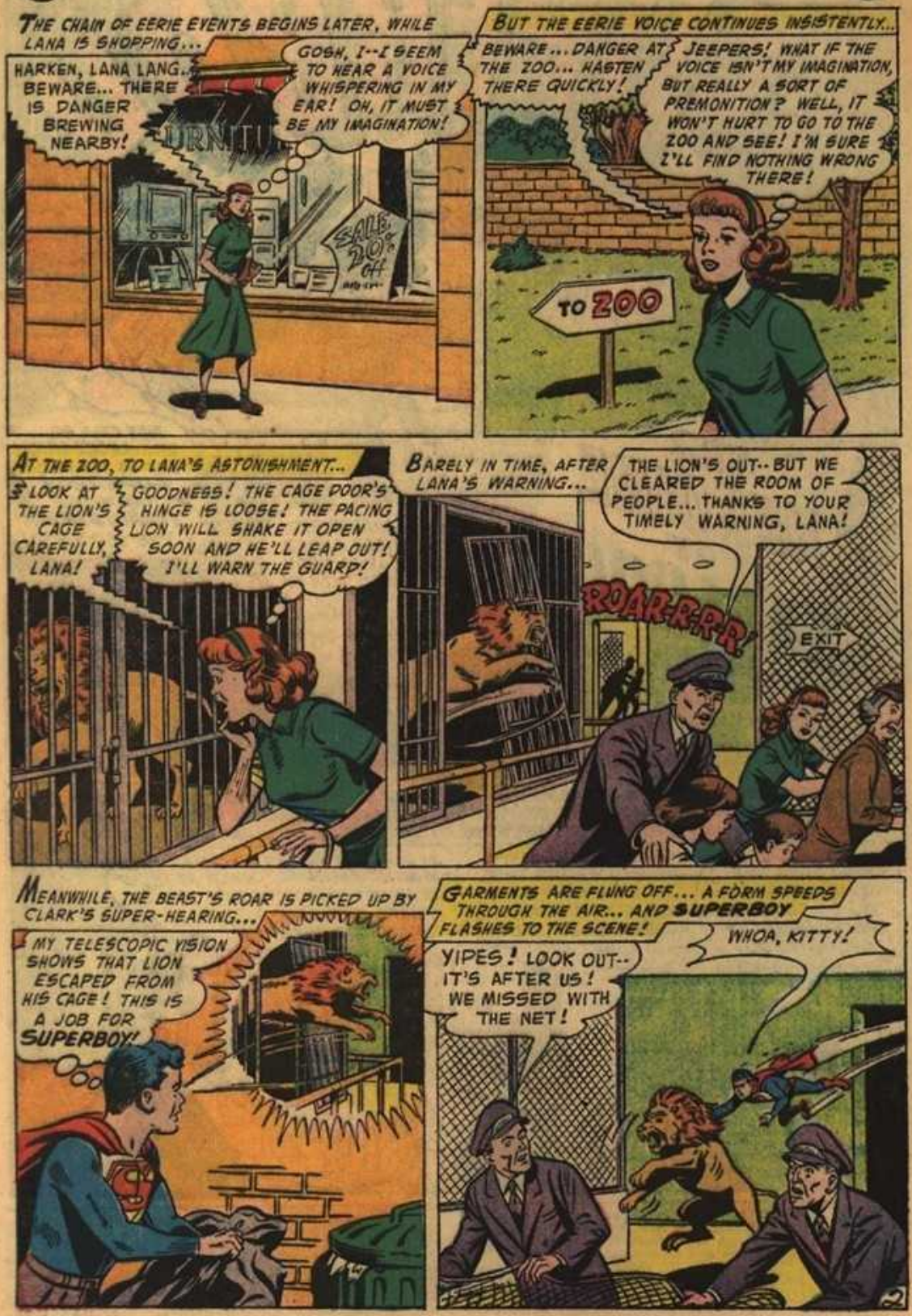
THE CHAIN OF EERIE EVENTS BEGINS LATER, WHILE LANA IS SHOPPING...
HARKEN, LANA LANG.. BEWARE... THERE IS DANGER BREWING NEARBY!
GOSH, I--I SEEM TO HEAR A VOICE WHISPERING IN MY EAR! OH, IT MUST BE MY IMAGINATION!
SALE 20% OFF
BUT THE EERIE VOICE CONTINUES INSISTENTLY...
BEWARE... DANGER AT THE ZOO... HASTEN THERE QUICKLY!
JEEPERS! WHAT IF THE VOICE ISN'T MY IMAGINATION, BUT REALLY A SORT OF PREMONITION? WELL, IT WON'T HURT TO GO TO THE ZOO AND SEE! I'M SURE I'LL FIND NOTHING WRONG THERE!
TO ZOO
AT THE ZOO, TO LANA'S ASTONISHMENT...
LOOK AT THE LION'S CAGE CAREFULLY, LANA!
GOODNESS! THE CAGE DOOR'S HINGE IS LOOSE! THE PACING LION WILL SHAKE IT OPEN SOON AND HE'LL LEAP OUT! I'LL WARN THE GUARD!
BARELY IN TIME, AFTER LANA'S WARNING...
THE LION'S OUT-- BUT WE CLEARED THE ROOM OF PEOPLE... THANKS TO YOUR TIMELY WARNING, LANA!
ROAR-R-R-R!
EXIT
MEANWHILE, THE BEAST'S ROAR IS PICKED UP BY CLARK'S SUPER-HEARING...
MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS THAT LION ESCAPED FROM HIS CAGE! THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERBOY!
GARMENTS ARE FLUNG OFF... A FORM SPEEDS THROUGH THE AIR... AND SUPERBOY FLASHES TO THE SCENE!
YIPES! LOOK OUT-- IT'S AFTER US! WE MISSED WITH THE NET!
WHOA, KITTY!

RAKING CLAWS AND SHARP TEETH ARE HARMLESS TO THE INVULNERABLE BOY OF STEEL!
NO USE, PUSS! YOU'LL ONLY WEAR YOUR TEETH DOWN!
AARRGH
BACK IN YOU GO! THEN I'LL REPAIR THE BROKEN DOOR!
YIHH
THE DANGER OVER, LANA LANG FINDS HERSELF REGARDED AS A HEROINE BY THE GRATEFUL SMALLVILLEITES...
GOOD THING LANA WARNED ME OF THE LOOSE HINGE!
BRAVE GIRL! YOU SAVED US! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW SOMETHING WAS WRONG HERE?
SUPERBOY IS ALSO MYSTIFIED...
YES, THAT'S ODD, LANA! WHAT MADE YOU STOP SHOPPING AND SUDDENLY RUSH HERE, TO POINT OUT THE DANGER?
GOLLY! IF I TELL OF THAT... UH... LITTLE VOICE I HEARD, THEY'LL ALL LAUGH AT ME!
AFRICAN ANIMALS
WHY... ER... HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF FEMININE INTUITION, SUPERBOY? I JUST... ER... HAD A WILD HUNCH, THAT'S ALL!
THAT'S A PRETTY THIN EXCUSE. IS LANA WITHHOLDING THE REAL EXPLANATION?
LANA IS EVEN MORE BAFFLED THAN YOU ARE, SUPERBOY!
DID I--I REALLY HEAR A VOICE? IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS! WAIT... THIS "MAGIC" AMULET IS NEAR MY EAR! DAD SAID THERE WAS SOME STRANGE LEGEND ABOUT IT! I'LL ASK HIM...

AT HOME, PROFESSOR LANG'S COMMENTS ONLY DEEPEN LANA'S MYSTIFICATION...
ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, INVISIBLE SPIRITS IN THAT MAGIC AMULET WHISPER WARNINGS TO WHOMEVER WEARS IT! HA, HA! ISN'T THAT A SILLY SUPERSTITION, LANA?
HA, HA... VERY SILLY, DAD... GULP!
DAD WOULD LAUGH LOUDER IF I TOLD HIM I DID HEAR VOICES! CAN THE LEGEND... CHOKE!... BE TRUE? I-- I HOPE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
YET, ONLY MOMENTS LATER, THERE IS ANOTHER UNCANNY WHISPER!
HARKEN.. THE SPIRITS KNOW ALL... A CRANK HID A BOMB AT THE POLICE STATION... HURRY THERE BEFORE IT EXPLODES!
OHH, IT'S BACK! AND IF THE VOICE WAS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, IT MAY BE RIGHT AGAIN! I CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE -- I'LL GO!
AT THE POLICE STATION, GUIDED BY THE WEIRD WHISPER THAT ONLY LANA HEARS...
OFFICER--LOOK! A BOMB-- WITH THE FUSE BURNING SHORT!
GREAT SCOTT! IT'S READY TO BLOW UP IN OUR FACES! GET BACK!
FORTUNATELY, SUPERBOY HEARS THE CRY WHILE PATROLLING TOWN...
NO TIME TO HURL IT AWAY! I'LL SMOTHER THE EXPLOSION WITH MY BODY!
SUPERBOY IS STARTLED TO LEARN WHO BROUGHT THE WARNING...
YOU AGAIN, LANA? THAT MAKES YOU A HEROINE TWICE! HOW IN THE WORLD DO YOU STUMBLE ON IMPENDING TROUBLE BEFORE ANYBODY ELSE?
I-- I SIMPLY CAN'T EXPLAIN, SUPERBOY! JUST CALL ME... ER... LUCKY LANA!
POLICE STATION
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IN THE HOURS THAT FOLLOW, LANA WARNS THE PEOPLE OF OTHER DANGERS AND WINS SUDDEN FAME IN SMALLVILLE!
SMALLVILLE IS LUCKY THAT LUCKY LANA IS AROUND! SHE DESERVES A SPECIAL HEROINE AWARD FROM THE MAYOR!
I FOLLOWED HER AND STOPPED ALL THE DANGERS SHE DISCOVERED, BUT IT SEEMS I'M PLAYING SECOND-FIDDLE TO LANA! I DON'T MIND THAT, BUT HER MANY WARNINGS CAN'T BE PURE LUCK! HOW DOES SHE DO IT?
LANA STILL FEARS TO TELL THE PREPOSTEROUS TRUTH!
IF I TOLD OF HEARING VOICES, THEY'D CALL ME "LOONEY LANA"! I DON'T BELIEVE IN MAGIC... YET WHAT ELSE CAN ACCOUNT FOR IT ALL? THIS MYSTERY IS DRIVING ME MAD...
SENSING LANA'S DISTRESS, SUPERBOY TRIES TO HELP...
LANA, PLEASE CONFIDE IN ME! SOMETHING'S BOTHERING YOU! I'M AN OLD FRIEND AND... LANA, DON'T YOU HEAR ME? WAIT...
GOSH, SHE DIDN'T EVEN ANSWER! HAS HER SUDDEN FAME GONE TO HER HEAD? GOLLY, I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D SNUB ME LIKE THAT!
BUT IN REALITY, LANA HAS NOT HEARD SUPERBOY BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN LISTENING INTENTLY TO ANOTHER URGENT VOICE!
HARKEN!... THE RAILROAD TRESTLE IS BADLY WEAKENED...
GRACIOUS! AND THE EXPRESS TRAIN IS DUE! I'LL RUSH THERE ON MY BIKE!

OUTSIDE TOWN...
PART OF THE TRESTLE IS SAGGING! LUCKY I HAD THIS RED KERCHIEF ALONG! WILL THE ENGINEER SEE IT IN TIME?... (GULP!)
LOOK--A RED FLAG--JAM ON THE EMERGENCY BRAKES!
THE EXPRESS HALTS, SCANT INCHES FROM DISASTER.
WHEW! YOU PREVENTED A BAD WRECK! I'LL CALL A REPAIR CREW!
NO NEED, SIR! I FOLLOWED LANA, FIGURING SHE WAS ON THE TRAIL OF ANOTHER DANGER!
TO AVOID DELAYING THE TRAIN'S SCHEDULE, THE BOY OF STEEL EMPLOYS HIS TERRIFIC STRENGTH AND...
THEY CAN RUN THE EXPRESS OVER ME AS I SUPPORT THE SAG! THEN I'LL REPAIR IT!
WHILE SUPERBOY MAKES THE REPAIRS, LANA RETURNS TO TOWN, FOLLOWING ANOTHER WARNING!
GO TO THE COURTHOUSE, WHERE A CRIMINAL TRIAL BEGINS AT 1:00... THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS BRINGING EVIDENCE IN HIS BRIEFCASE! WATCH FOR HIM!
AT THE COURTHOUSE STEPS...
THAT ISN'T THE D.A., BUT A DISGUISED IMPOSTOR... WITH A GUN IN THE BRIEFCASE... HE IS A CRIMINAL PLANNING TO GAIN ENTRY AND SHOOT THE JUDGE!
HEAVENS! WHAT SHALL I DO? I HOPE SUPERBOY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING ME AS USUAL!
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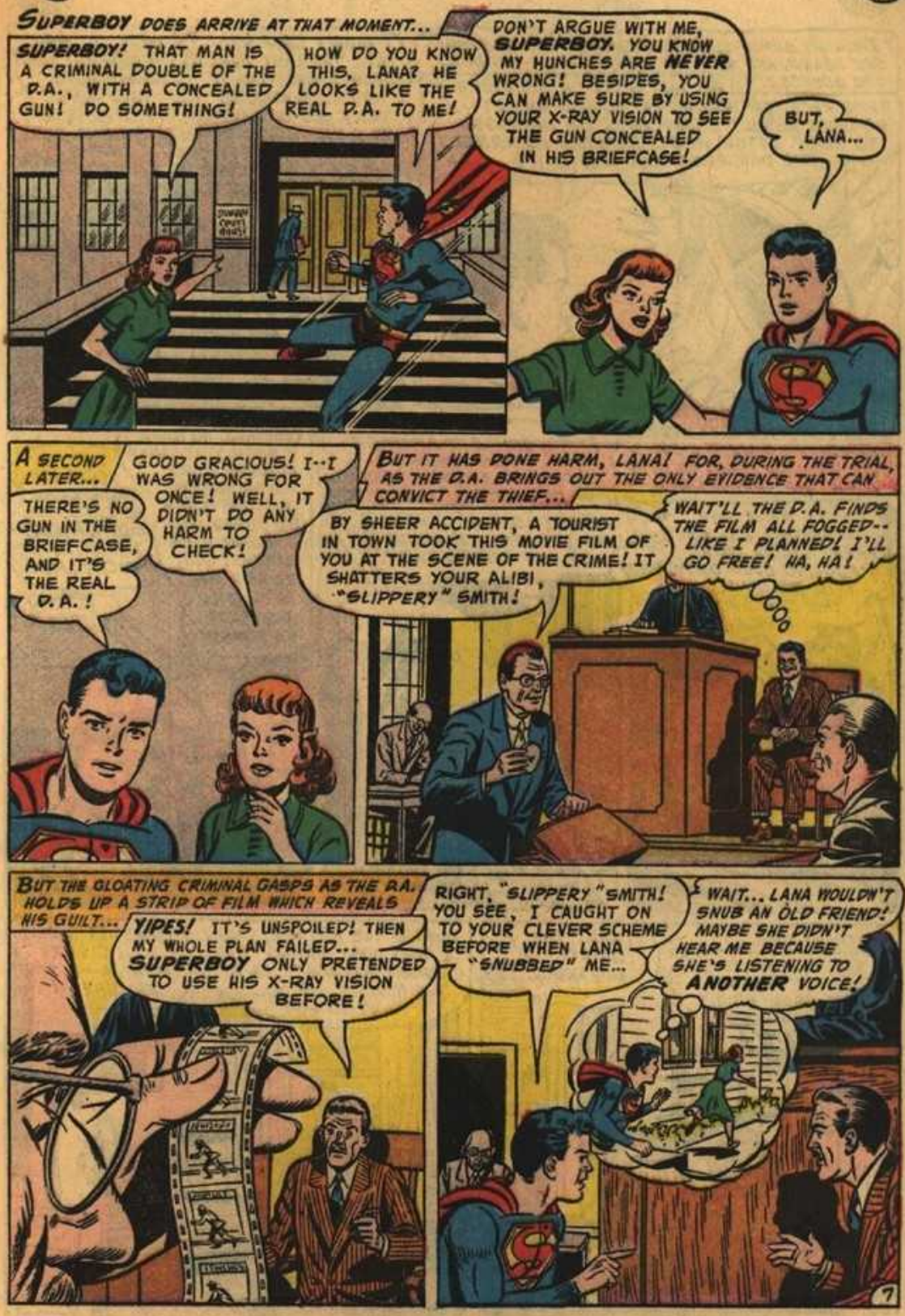
SUPERBOY DOES ARRIVE AT THAT MOMENT...
SUPERBOY! THAT MAN IS A CRIMINAL DOUBLE OF THE D.A., WITH A CONCEALED GUN! DO SOMETHING!
HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS, LANA? HE LOOKS LIKE THE REAL D.A. TO ME!
DON'T ARGUE WITH ME, SUPERBOY. YOU KNOW MY HUNCHES ARE NEVER WRONG! BESIDES, YOU CAN MAKE SURE BY USING YOUR X-RAY VISION TO SEE THE GUN CONCEALED IN HIS BRIEFCASE!
BUT, LANA...
A SECOND LATER...
GOOD GRACIOUS! I--I WAS WRONG FOR ONCE! WELL, IT DIDN'T DO ANY HARM TO CHECK!
THERE'S NO GUN IN THE BRIEFCASE, AND IT'S THE REAL D.A.!
BUT IT HAS DONE HARM, LANA! FOR, DURING THE TRIAL, AS THE D.A. BRINGS OUT THE ONLY EVIDENCE THAT CAN CONVICT THE THIEF...
BY SHEER ACCIDENT, A TOURIST IN TOWN TOOK THIS MOVIE FILM OF YOU AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME! IT SHATTERS YOUR ALIBI, "SLIPPERY" SMITH!
WAIT'LL THE D.A. FINDS THE FILM ALL FOGGED-- LIKE I PLANNED! I'LL GO FREE! HA, HA!
BUT THE GLOATING CRIMINAL GASPS AS THE D.A. HOLDS UP A STRIP OF FILM WHICH REVEALS HIS GUILT...
YIPES! IT'S UNSPOILED! THEN MY WHOLE PLAN FAILED... SUPERBOY ONLY PRETENDED TO USE HIS X-RAY VISION BEFORE!
RIGHT, "SLIPPERY" SMITH! YOU SEE, I CAUGHT ON TO YOUR CLEVER SCHEME BEFORE WHEN LANA "SNUBBED" ME...
WAIT... LANA WOULDN'T SNUB AN OLD FRIEND! MAYBE SHE DIDN'T HEAR ME BECAUSE SHE'S LISTENING TO ANOTHER VOICE!

"THEN MY SUPER-HEARING PICKED UP THE WHISPERS SHE HEARD, AND MY X-RAY VISION QUICKLY REVEALED THE SOURCE..."
SO THAT'S IT! A MINIATURE RADIO RECEIVER INSIDE THAT HOLLOW AMULET! SOMEONE MERELY BROADCASTS THE WARNINGS TO HER... AFTER HE DELIBERATELY ARRANGES THE DANGERS! BUT WHO IS IT?
I DIDN'T KNOW WHO UNTIL THE LAST WARNING, WHEN I REALIZED IT WAS ALL A HOAX TO TRICK ME INTO USING MY X-RAY VISION SO THAT I WOULD RUIN THE FILM IN THE D.A.'S BRIEFCASE, THEREBY ENABLING YOU, "SLIPPERY" SMITH, TO GO FREE!
OKAY, I CONFESS! THE NEWSPAPERS TOLD ABOUT PROFESSOR LANG BRINGING BACK A "MAGIC AMULET" ABLE TO WHISPER WARNINGS!
"WHEN I SPOTTED LANA WEARING THE AMULET, I MADE A DUPLICATE WITH THE RADIO RECEIVER INSIDE, AND THAT NIGHT..."
"IT WAS SIMPLE TO ARRANGE EACH DANGER BEFORE I BROADCAST A PHONEY WARNING OF THE SPIRITS..."
SHE'LL WEAR MINE TOMORROW! I'LL MAKE HER "LUCKY LANA", FOOLING EVEN SUPERBOY INTO BELIEVING THAT SHE CAN SPOT DANGERS!
NOBODY LOOKING... NOW TO LOOSEN THE HINGE OF THE LION'S CAGE!
HARKEN, LANA... DANGER AT THE ZOO!
CUNNINGLY, HE MADE IT SEEM THAT LANA'S HUNCHES WERE NEVER WRONG, SO THAT I'D BE DUPED INTO X-RAYING A NON-EXISTENT GUN, RUINING THE VITAL FILM INSTEAD!... HE HOPED!
BUT YOU SAVED ME FROM BEING HIS CAT'S PAW, SUPERBOY! I'M STILL LUCKY LANA!
LATER, AT HOME...
I WAS NO HEROINE AT ALL! BUT ANYWAY, I WON'T HEAR SPIRIT VOICES ANYMORE... EEK!
LANA! THE SPIRIT SPEAKS...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LANA? I WAS JUST SAYING "THE SPIRIT SPEAKS" IS AT THE MOVIES, IF YOU WANT TO GO!
OHH! IT'S ONLY YOU, CLARK! WHAT A--A RELIEF!
END

SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
SOMEWHERE, THERE IS A TOWN CALLED MIDVILLE, WHICH RESEMBLES SMALLVILLE! IN FACT, THE MOST STARTLING SIMILARITY IS THE APPEARANCE OF ANOTHER "SUPERBOY"! WHERE IS THIS AMAZING TOWN? WHO IS THIS OTHER "BOY OF STEEL"? WELL, THE ANSWERS WILL ASTOUND YOU AS MUCH AS THEY DO SUPERBOY, WHEN HE MEETS...
THE POWER-BOY FROM EARTH
LOOK AT POWER-BOY PULL THAT AIRLINER! I CAN TAKE IT EASY!
RETURNING TO EARTH FROM A BRIEF MISSION IN OUTER SPACE, SUPERBOY PASSES THE ASTEROID NAMED JUNO AND MAKES AN EXCITING DISCOVERY...
GOSH! THERE'S A CIVILIZATION HERE THAT'S SIMILAR TO EARTH'S! AND, STRANGELY ENOUGH, THIS PLACE REMINDS ME OF SMALLVILLE, MY OWN HOME TOWN!
SUDDENLY...
OH-OH! A METEOR! I'VE GOT TO SMASH IT--BUT, BUT WHO IS THAT FLYING UP FROM THE VILLAGE BELOW?

JEEPERS! AM I--I DREAMING? HE SMASHED THAT METEOR TO BITS, JUST AS I'D HAVE DONE! HE'S ANOTHER SUPERBOY... GASP!

SUPERBOY SWITCHES SECRETLY TO CLARK KENT...
THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I'LL QUESTION HIM, BUT FIRST I'LL HAVE TO VISIT A LIBRARY AND LEARN THEIR UNKNOWN LANGUAGE!

LOCATING A LIBRARY, CLARK KENT USES SUPER SPEED TO READ ALL THE NECESSARY BOOKS...
IT'S TAKEN ME ONE HOUR TO MASTER THEIR LANGUAGE! ONE BOOK MENTIONS "POWER-BOY" OFTEN. THAT MUST BE HE! NOW TO FIND HIM AND HAVE A TALK!

BUT A SWIFT SEARCH THROUGH TOWN IS IN VAIN...
WHERE COULD POWER-BOY BE? I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED HIS SPECIAL UNIFORM? WAIT A MINUTE--! HE PROBABLY HAS ANOTHER IDENTITY-- A SECRET IDENTITY-- LIKE I HAVE!

USING HIS X-RAY VISION, CLARK STUDIES THE YOUTHFUL STROLLERS UNTIL...
THERE HE IS-- WEARING HIS UNIFORM, UNDER HIS REGULAR CLOTHES! OBVIOUSLY NO ONE KNOWS HE IS SECRETLY POWER-BOY!
BUT IS HE IN FOR A SURPRISE!
HELLO THERE, POWER-BOY!
ER...YOU'RE MISTAKEN! I'M ZARL VORNE, THE WEAKEST BOY IN TOWN! HOW CAN I BE POWER-BOY?
THE SAME ACT I USE IN SMALLVILLE!
DON'T WORRY, ZARL VORNE--OR POWER-BOY! YOUR SECRET IS SAFE WITH ME! I'M FROM ANOTHER WORLD, AND LOOK WHAT I CAN DO!
GREAT ASTEROIDS! BENDING THAT STEEL BAR PROVES YOU'RE ANOTHER POWER-BOY LIKE ME!

MY SECRET NAME IS SUPERBOY! BUT I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY FELLOW WHO HAD SUPER POWERS!
AND I THOUGHT I WAS! COME TO MY HOME AND WE'LL DISCUSS IT!
SHORTLY, IN A MODEST HOME, SUPERBOY GETS ANOTHER SHOCK...
MEET MY FOSTER PARENTS, MA AND PA VORNE! THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW I'M POWER-BOY!
GOSH, JUST LIKE MY MA AND PA KENT IN SMALLVILLE, WHO ADOPTED ME! NOW DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE FROM A DIFFERENT WORLD, ZARL-- AS I AM FROM KRYPTON!
I'M FROM A PLANET THAT IS PROBABLY UNKNOWN TO YOU! HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF EARTH?
HAVE I EVER HEARD OF-- WHAT? HOW DID YOU COME FROM MY WORLD?
WELL, MY FATHER'S OLD DIARY EXPLAINS HOW 15,000 YEARS AGO, THE SUPER-CIVILIZATION OF ATLANTIS SANK INTO THE SEA...
EEAAA! WE'LL ALL PERISH!
"BUT MY FATHER, A SCIENTIST, HAD EXPERIMENTED WITH SMALL SPACE ROCKETS, AND.."
AT LEAST OUR SON IS SAVED! IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION, HE'LL SURVIVE THE LONG TRIP TO THE ASTEROID JUNO WHERE OUR TELESCOPES DETECTED CIVILIZATION!
MY BABY... SOB! FAREWELL!
HOW STRANGE! THAT'S EXACTLY HOW I WAS SAVED WHEN THE PLANET KRYPTON EXPLODED! BUT IF YOU LANDED HERE 15,000 YEARS AGO, HOW CAN YOU ONLY BE A BOY NOW?
LANDING IN UN-EXPLORED REGIONS, MY ROCKET REMAINED HIDDEN FOR 15,000 YEARS! SUSPENDED ANIMATION KEPT ME ALIVE, WITHOUT AGING! THEN...
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"... AN EXPLORER, PA YORNE, FOUND ME 15 YEARS AGO!"
AN ORPHAN FROM OUTER SPACE! FRESH AIR AWAKENED HIM! MY WIFE AND I HAVE NO CHILDREN, SO WE'LL RAISE HIM AS OUR OWN SON!
"MY STARTLED PARENTS SOON FOUND OUT THAT I WAS NO ORDINARY BABY..."
GREAT STARS! HE LIFTS HEAVY FURNITURE AS THOUGH IT WERE A FEATHER! WHAT POWER HE HAS!
WONDERFUL, MA! WE'LL SECRETLY CALL HIM POWER-BOY! BUT WHAT GIVES HIM SUCH SUPER POWERS?

CLARK KNOWS THE ANSWER TO THAT...
KRYPTON
EARTH
JUNO
BECAUSE I WAS BORN ON KRYPTON, MY POWERS WERE GREATER THAN THOSE OF THE PEOPLE ON EARTH! SIMILARLY, YOUR STRENGTH FROM EARTH MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO THE INHABITANTS OF JUNO, POWER-BOY!
ON EARTH, YOU WOULD JUST BE AN ORDINARY BOY-- BUT HERE ON JUNO YOU'RE A "SUPERBOY"!
I'VE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO FIGHTING EVIL AND INJUSTICE! NOW COME SEE OUR TOWN OF MIDVILLE!

BUT CLARK FINDS ONE ASTOUNDING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE IN MIDVILLE AND SMALLVILLE...
WHERE'S YOUR SCHOOL, ZARL?
OH, I DON'T GO ANYMORE! IN OUR ADVANCED CIVILIZATION, WE FINISH COLLEGE AT THE AGE OF 12 AND GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO BEGIN OUR CAREERS! THOSE BOYS ARE A PROFESSOR, A DOCTOR AND A BANKER! COME TO MY SHOP!
HOLY COW! WHAT ARE YOU-- AN INVENTOR?
YES, TO HIDE MY IDENTITY, I INVENTED A UNIVERSAL ALARM SYSTEM THAT WARNS ME OF ALL CRIME, WHICH I FIGHT AS POWER-BOY!

AT THAT MOMENT...
CLANG CLANG CLANG
AIRLINER OUT OF CONTROL
THIS IS A JOB FOR POWER-BOY!
MIND IF I JOIN YOU? I JUST WANT TO WATCH YOUR... ER... TECHNIQUE!
BUT AS THE TWO SUPER LADS FLY FORTH...
THAT'S ODD! I... UH... CAN'T FLY AT SUPER SPEED! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?
HERE... I'LL PULL YOU ALONG! YOU CAN STILL SAVE THE AIRLINER YOURSELF!
NO, I--I CAN'T! NOW MY SUPER STRENGTH IS FAILING, TOO! I NEED YOUR HELP, SUPERBOY!
WITH PEOPLE WATCHING BELOW, HELPING HIM WOULD EMBARRASS POWER-BOY!
INSTEAD, I'LL USE SUPER BREATH TO CUSHION IT DOWN! IT WILL SEEM AS IF POWER-BOY DID IT!
IL-I'M SO WEAK! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY SUPER POWERS?... :-(GULP!):
KRYPTONITE WEAKENS ME, TOO, BUT YOU'RE IMMUNE TO THAT LIKE ALL EARTH PEOPLE! DOES SOME OTHER RARE MINERAL WEAKEN YOU THE SAME WAY?
I--I DON'T KNOW! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I EVER FELT WEAK!
I'LL SEARCH THE TOWN FOR SOME UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE WHOSE RADIATION MIGHT AFFECT YOU!

BUT LATER, AFTER A CLOSE SCRUTINY...
MY X-RAY VISION REVEALED NOTHING UNUSUAL HIDDEN IN TOWN, EVEN BURIED UNDERGROUND!
AND JUST AS SUPERBOY REPORTS FAILURE TO POWER-BOY...
I--I'M GETTING WEAKER, JUST WHEN I'M NEEDED MOST! LOOK! THE UNIVERSAL ALARM...
THE "CREEPING" JUNGLE, TEMPORARILY HELD BACK BY POWER-BOY, IS AGAIN ON THE MOVE!
SUPERBOY RUSHES TO THE SPOT WITH HIS FRIEND..
THERE IT IS-- "THE CREEPING JUNGLE." IT ALREADY COVERS HALF OUR PLANET! IF IT ENGULFS THE OTHER HALF, OUR CIVILIZATION WILL END!
I'LL BUILD A STONE DYKE! MAYBE THAT WILL STOP IT!
EVEN THE STONES SPROUT JUNGLE VEGETATION! IT'S NO USE, SUPERBOY!
GREAT SCOTT! CAN ANYTHING STOP IT?
I TRIED FIRE, ACID, BOMBS... EVERYTHING! NOTHING HALTS IT! I USED ATOMIC RAYS TO CHECK ITS ADVANCE FOR AWHILE, BUT NOW IT'S ON THE MOVE AGAIN!
THEN ONLY ONE THING IS LEFT! YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO HELP ME SO WAIT HERE, POWER-BOY!
WAIT, SUPERBOY!... I'M TOO WEAK TO... EVEN CRAWL NOW!... THE CREEPING JUNGLE WILL CATCH UP TO ME...

SOON, THE BOY OF STEEL USES SCRAP METAL TO CONSTRUCT A GIANT TOOL, AND BEGINS HIS AMAZING PLAN!
SPINNING AT SUPER SPEED, I CAN MAKE THIS SUPER BUZZ-SAW CUT THROUGH ANYTHING! I'LL FOLLOW THE RIM OF THE CREEPING JUNGLE ALL AROUND JUNO, SLICING DOWN DEEPER EACH TIME!
EVENTUALLY, THE PLANET IS SPLIT IN HALF!
THERE! THAT SEVERS THE HALF HOLDING THE CREEPING JUNGLE FROM THE UNAFFECTED HALF WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVE!
NOW TO FLING IT ACROSS SPACE TO BE BURNED UP BY THE SUN!
BUT UNKNOWN TO SUPERBOY, POWER-BOY LIES HELPLESS WITHIN THE JUNGLE, HURTLING TOWARD DESTRUCTION!
OHH! I--I CAN'T FLY AWAY AND ESCAPE! I'LL BE BURNED UP TOO!... (CHOKE!)
MEANWHILE, SUPERBOY FINISHES HIS COLOSSAL JOB...
I SLICED ANOTHER UNINHABITED PLANET IN HALF, AND NOW JOINING A NEW HALF TO JUNO! I'LL SEAL THE EDGES TOGETHER WITH SUPER PRESSURE LATER!

BUT IS THIS TO BE THE FIERY TOMB OF TRAPPED **POWER-BOY**?

NO! POWER-BOY ESCAPES AT THE LAST MOMENT!

WHEW!: THAT WAS CLOSE! MY STRENGTH GRADUALLY CAME BACK, FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, THE FURTHER AWAY FROM JUNO I WENT!

ALARMED BY HIS FRIEND'S ABSENCE, **SUPERBOY** SEARCHES SPACE WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION...

POWER-BOY WAS ON THE STRICKEN HALF! BUT HE'S FLYING BACK **WITH HIS POWERS RESTORED!** OMIGOSH!... NOW I SEE WHAT CAUSED HIS WEAKNESS! IT MEANS I CAN'T GREET HIM WHEN HE ARRIVES... :CHOKE!:

AND WHEN HE RETURNS, **POWER-BOY** FINDS ONLY A SKYWRITTEN MESSAGE AWAITING HIM...

POWER-BOY: JUNO'S MAGNETIC FIELD REACTED TO MY BODY FROM KRYPTON, PRODUCING INVISIBLE RAYS WHICH WEAKENED YOU! THUS I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR WEAKNESS! FAREWELL FOREVER, SUPERBOY

THAT NIGHT, ON JUNO...

SUPERBOY CAN'T RETURN! I--I'LL NEVER SEE MY SUPER-PAL AGAIN... (SOB!)

AND BACK ON EARTH...

I CAN'T VISIT **POWER-BOY** AGAIN! THIS IS THE END... :CHOKE!:...OF WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A SUPER FRIENDSHIP!

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MAGIC AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

IMAGINE yourself spotlighted on the stage, a thousand pairs of eyes watching you. Slowly you raise your bare hand. You show the audience the front then the back of your hand proving that nothing is concealed.

Then you flip a finger, and suddenly produce a card. You seemed to pull it out of thin air! The audience has hardly gotten over its astonishment when you produce a second card, then a third, then a fourth. Before long, you hold up a dozen cards.

This trick is one of the most baffling in the sleight-of-hand category, and, of course, you've probably seen it many times on the stage or on television. What you probably can't believe is that, with practice, you could perform it yourself.

This particular trick is known as back-and-front-palming. When the magician starts the trick, the cards are held between the fingers, sticking out in back of the hand. Now, when the magician wants to show the audience the back of his hand, he slides the cards from the back to the front palm.

Naturally, you can't possibly hope to learn this trick by starting right off with five cards. Start with one. Practice sliding it between two fingers from the back to the front, and back again. Even one card will seem difficult to you in the beginning, but constant practice will eventually enable you to perform the back-and-front-palm in a fraction of a second. Then, try it with two cards, and so on.

Some sleight-of-hand tricks require props, such as the magician's cloak. Sewed into the tails of the cloak are a number of "profonde pockets"—huge, cavernous pockets invisible to the audience.

These "profonde pockets" make possible one of the most startling sleight-of-hand tricks in the magician's repertoire. Yet, it is so simple you can almost do it on the first try.

In this trick, the magician can use a billiard ball, a bowl of fruit, or even a live rabbit. He juggles the object—let's say it is a rabbit—for a few moments; then, he deposits the little animal into the secret pocket in his cloak. Presto! He has made the rabbit disappear!

Now he turns about—points to a chair on the other side of the stage. He crosses to it, opens up the seat of the chair, and pulls out the rabbit from a compartment under the seat!

How did he do it? Simple. The *first* rabbit he used still remained in the "profonde pocket." The *second* rabbit was identical to the first one, and was secreted ahead of time in the special chair seat. This chair can be bought in stores specializing in magic articles.

The two tricks explained above are perhaps the most popular of all sleight-of-hand stunts. Master these—especially the first—and you are on your way to becoming an accomplished magician.

VARSITY VIC
H'YA, VIC. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND FOR QUITE A WHILE!
WELL, I'VE BEEN STAYING HOME. NO HANGING AROUND SODA PARLORS, PLAYING A JUKE BOX ALL EVENING!
AND I HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE MOVIES IN A FEW WEEKS!
GOSH, THAT'S GOOD. IT'S ALL TO YOUR CREDIT!
NO, IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF MY LACK OF CREDIT- I'M BROKE!
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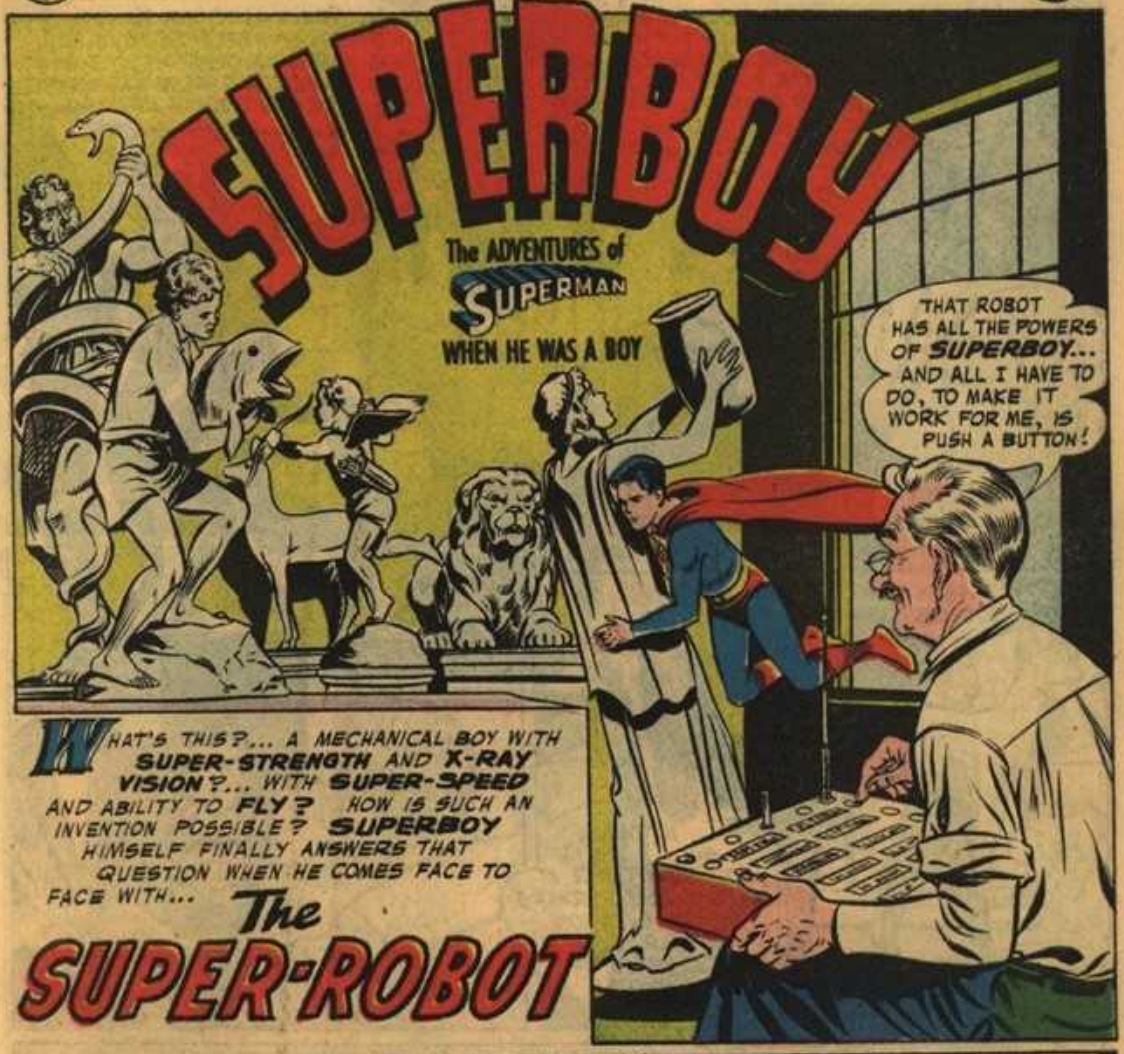

SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
THAT ROBOT HAS ALL THE POWERS OF SUPERBOY... AND ALL I HAVE TO DO, TO MAKE IT WORK FOR ME, IS PUSH A BUTTON!
WHAT'S THIS?... A MECHANICAL BOY WITH SUPER-STRENGTH AND X-RAY VISION?... WITH SUPER-SPEED AND ABILITY TO FLY? HOW IS SUCH AN INVENTION POSSIBLE? SUPERBOY HIMSELF FINALLY ANSWERS THAT QUESTION WHEN HE COMES FACE TO FACE WITH...
The SUPER-ROBOT

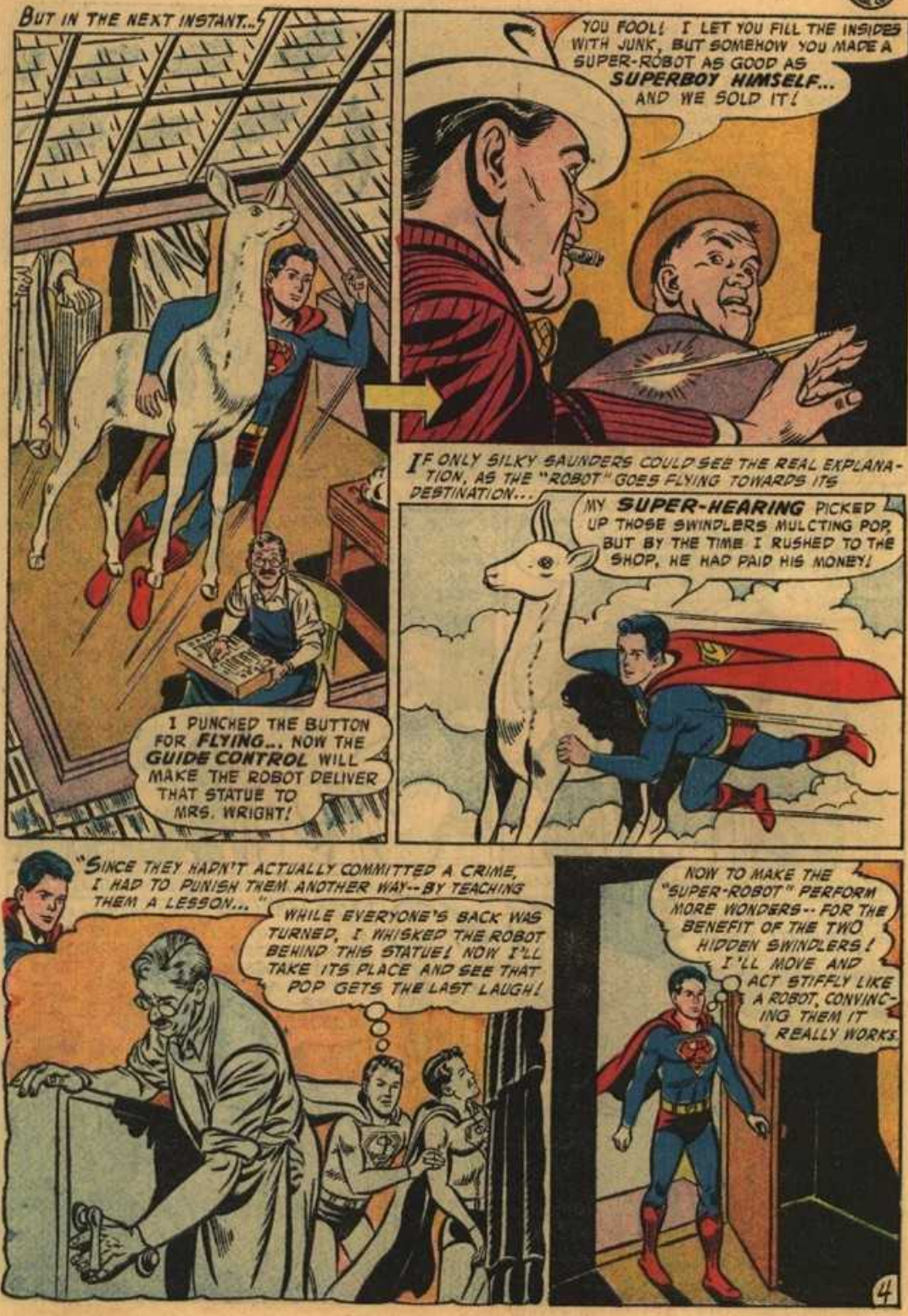
ONE MORNING, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SMALLVILLE...
HA, HA... THIS IS THE GREATEST SWINDLE I EVER DREAMED UP-- AND SUPERBOY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO A THING ABOUT IT! GIVE ME A HAND, MONK...
HUH--? BUT I BEEN HELPIN' YOU ALL ALONG, SILKY!
STUPID! I MEAN ONE OF THE ROBOT'S HANDS! AFTER WE ATTACH THEM, WE'LL BE FINISHED!

SOON...
TIN CANS RATTLING INSIDE MAKE A CLOCKWORK SOUND... AND THE THING LOOKS POWERFUL JUST BECAUSE IT HAS SUPERBOY'S FORM! NOW TO PAWN IT OFF ON POP PEABODY, WHO'S KNOWN TO BE THE MOST GULLIBLE MAN IN TOWN!
TICK CLICK TICK
NOW REMEMBER... LET PEABODY CONVINCE HIMSELF THAT THE ROBOT HAS SUPER-POWERS! AS LONG AS WE DON'T MAKE ANY FALSE CLAIMS, THE LAW CAN'T TOUCH US!
UPON REACHING THE STATUARY SHOP OF POP PEABODY...
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, GENTLEMEN?
NOTHING, SIR...! WE'LL DO SOMETHING FOR YOU! PERHAPS MY NEW INVENTION CAN HELP YOU WITH THOSE HEAVY STATUES!
WHY, IT LOOKS LIKE SUPERBOY! DO YOU MEAN IT'S A SUPER-ROBOT?
JUDGE FOR YOURSELF, SIR-- AFTER I'VE GIVEN YOU A BRIEF DEMONSTRATION!
THIS BUTTON SETS OFF AN ELECTRIC MOTOR THAT REALLY GIVES THE ROBOT LIFTING POWER! ALL THE REST OF THE BUTTONS ARE FAKES THOUGH!
NEXT MOMENT...
LAND SAKES! IT HAS SUPER-STRENGTH ALL RIGHT...

...AND--AND IT HAS ALL THE OTHER POWERS OF SUPERBOY, TOO!
PERFECT... HE TALKED HIMSELF INTO IT! I'M DOING NOTHING ILLEGAL AS LONG AS I DON'T LIE ABOUT THIS ROBOT!
SUPER-BREATH
FLYING
LIFTING
SUPER-SPEED
WALKING
JUMPING
NOW LOOK, POP-- THERE'S NO MORE TIME TO DEMONSTRATE... OTHER PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED, TOO! OF COURSE, IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT-- FOR $5,000...
$5,000... MY LIFE'S SAVINGS... BUT I MUST HAVE THAT WONDERFUL SUPER-ROBOT! YES, I'LL BUY IT!
AFTERWARD, AS THE SWINDLERS SPLIT THEIR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS...
LET'S SEE... HALF OF $5,000 IS-- UH... RIGHT, $500! FOR A MINUTE I THOUGHT YOU CHEATED ME, SILKY!
WHAT AN INSULT! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AN HONEST CROOK!

LISTEN, WHY SKIP TOWN IN A HURRY? WE'RE SAFE FROM CHARGES OF SWINDLING, SINCE POP INSISTED IT WAS A SUPER-ROBOT, NOT US! SO WHY NOT STAY TO WATCH THE FUN NOW?
MEANWHILE, UNAWARE THAT HE HAS BEEN HOODWINKED...
YOU'RE SURE A BARGAIN ROBOT! I'LL USE YOUR X-RAY EYES FIRST-- TO HEAT AND FUSE THAT CRACKED STATUE TOGETHER!
HA, HA... THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

BUT ASTOUNDINGLY, THE ROBOT'S EYES FLASH, AND...
WONDERFUL! JUST LIKE SUPERBOY! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
GULP! N-NEITHER CAN I!
TWO HIDDEN WATCHERS CAN BELIEVE IT EVEN LESS!
SILKY... IT--IT WORKED! GEE, DID WE REALLY INVENT A SUPER-ROBOT?
NAW! THAT SUPER-JUNK MADE X-RAYS BY SHEER ACCIDENT! THE OTHER BUTTONS WON'T WORK!


BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
I PUNCHED THE BUTTON FOR FLYING... NOW THE GUIDE CONTROL WILL MAKE THE ROBOT DELIVER THAT STATUE TO MRS. WRIGHT!
YOU FOOL! I LET YOU FILL THE INSIDES WITH JUNK, BUT SOMEHOW YOU MADE A SUPER-ROBOT AS GOOD AS SUPERBOY HIMSELF... AND WE SOLD IT!
IF ONLY SILKY SAUNDERS COULD SEE THE REAL EXPLANATION, AS THE "ROBOT" GOES FLYING TOWARDS ITS DESTINATION...
MY SUPER-HEARING PICKED UP THOSE SWINDLERS MULCTING POP, BUT BY THE TIME I RUSHED TO THE SHOP, HE HAD PAID HIS MONEY!
"SINCE THEY HADN'T ACTUALLY COMMITTED A CRIME, I HAD TO PUNISH THEM ANOTHER WAY--BY TEACHING THEM A LESSON..."
WHILE EVERYONE'S BACK WAS TURNED, I WHISKED THE ROBOT BEHIND THIS STATUE! NOW I'LL TAKE ITS PLACE AND SEE THAT POP GETS THE LAST LAUGH!
NOW TO MAKE THE "SUPER-ROBOT" PERFORM MORE WONDERS -- FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWO HIDDEN SWINDLERS! I'LL MOVE AND ACT STIFFLY LIKE A ROBOT, CONVINCING THEM IT REALLY WORKS.

THUS, AS POP PEABODY PUNCHES MORE OF THE REMOTE-CONTROL BUTTONS...
LUCKILY, POP HAS A HABIT OF MUTTERING ALOUD-- SO I KNOW WHAT JOBS HE WANTS DONE... LIKE FORMING THIS GIANT'S EYE!
NOW HE WANTS THIS METAL BOW MADE FOR CUPID!
I'LL CHISEL THIS NEW MARBLE STATUE AT SUPER-SPEED FOR HIM!

IN THE MEANTIME...
GEE... MAYBE I'LL GET THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR INVENTING THAT SUPER-ROBOT!
WAIT... WHAT IF SUPERBOY SECRETLY TOOK THE ROBOT'S PLACE? COME ON... WE'LL SNEAK CLOSE AND LISTEN IF IT CLICKS INSIDE, LIKE OUR ROBOT DID!
PICKING UP THE WHISPERS WITH HIS SUPER-HEARING, THE BOY OF STEEL QUICKLY SOLVES THE SITUATION...
THEY'LL EXPOSE ME UNLESS I "CLICK" SOMEHOW... AND THE ONLY WAY TO DO IT IS BY SWALLOWING THESE CHUNKS OF STONES!

BY JIGGLING MYSELF SLIGHTLY, I CAUSE THE STONES TO VIBRATE AGAINST EACH OTHER!
PSST... HEAR THAT? IT MUST BE THE ROBOT!
CLICK... CLICK... CLICK...

BUT WE NEED ANOTHER TEST TO MAKE SURE! SHOVE THIS STATUE OVER! THE ROBOT WOULD ONLY WORK BY PUSHBUTTON... SO IF IT'S SUPERBOY, HE'LL GIVE HIMSELF AWAY BY LEAPING TO POP'S RESCUE!

BUT ONCE AGAIN, SUPER-WITS COME INTO PLAY...
SUPER-BREATH WILL FORCE POP'S HEAD AROUND TO SEE HIS DANGER! MEANWHILE, I REMAIN RIGID, PROVING I'M A "ROBOT"!
OMIGOSH! THAT STATUE FALLING...
POP SAVED HIMSELF WHILE THE ROBOT DIDN'T EVEN BUDGE... IT CAN'T BE SUPERBOY!
OH BOY! THAT PROVES I REALLY INVENTED A SUPER-ROBOT!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU'RE A GENIUS, YOU IDIOT? NOW WE HAVE TO GET THAT SUPER-ROBOT BACK... IT'S WORTH A FORTUNE!
SECONDS LATER...
I'M BACK, PEABODY, AND I WANT MY ROBOT! I FORGOT I... ER... PROMISED IT TO SOMEONE ELSE! HERE'S YOUR $6,000!
BUT... THE ROBOT IS WORTH MORE THAN THAT TO ME NOW, THE WAY IT'S BEEN HELPING ME IN MY SHOP!
THEN HOW ABOUT $6,000?... $7,000?... ALL RIGHT, $10,000! THAT'S ALL THE MONEY WE HAVE!
WELL... I GUESS I CAN'T REFUSE, SINCE YOU INVENTED IT! TAKE THE ROBOT... I'LL TAKE THE $10,000!
AND AGAIN WHILE THEY WEREN'T LOOKING, I SWITCHED THE ORIGINAL ROBOT BACK! THEY BOUGHT THEIR OWN WORTHLESS JUNK-- POP IS REPAID... AND I'LL TAKE THE EXTRA $5,000 AFTER I TELL POP THE WHOLE STORY!
SO AWHILE LATER...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT WON'T WORK? KEEP AT IT TILL THAT SUPER-ROBOT PERFORMS!
THEY'LL BE AT IT FOR A LONG, LONG TIME... AND, WHETHER THEY KNOW IT OR NOT, THEY'VE JUST DONATED $5,000 TO CHARITY!
THE END.

SUPERBOY ALSO APPEARS IN ADVENTURE COMICS, NOW ON SALE